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1. On 28 June 1951 Subject was approached by CARYATID 1 and asked if she would be interested in working for a western agency as a radio technician. She was at first mistrustful because he would not tell her the entire story concerning his employers. In addition, she claimed that she could not leave her invalid father for any substantial period of time. However, she was cooperative to the extent of giving us the names of some 14 girls in Berlin, 14 more in the DDR, and two in West Germany who had served with her during World War II as w/t operators (see Att. II for list). She told CARYATID, in a seemingly contradictory fashion, that she knew of many more in West Germany and that she herself was in a better position to recruit these girls than he was. CARYATID believed at the time that she was aware that a US Agency was behind his visit. Her father and brother were both present during his visit and seemed to have approved, though neither was willing for her to undertake any work which would cause her absence.

2. On or about 18 July 1951 [] met CARYATID 1 in Bremerhaven to debrief him on the results of his recruiting mission in West Germany. At that time the results of the meeting described above were obtained.

3. On 13 August we mailed Subject a letter inviting her to come to Berlin, all expenses prepaid, to discuss the proposition made her by CARYATID 1. We felt at the time that a case officer could ill afford the time to make the trip to Straubing, especially as CARYATID seemed to have prepared the ground so well. That we were mistaken was proved by the fact that she refused to answer our original letter. On 28 September 1951 we received a cabled answer to our follow-up telegram of 24 September. Therein she stated that she had no interest in such cloudy plans as we seemed to have proposed. We had given Subject CAUL's address to communicate with us here.

4. Therefore, [] attempted to see her on 6 October to explain the entire business. However, she was not at home on the two occasions when he tried to see her.

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5. Therefore on 15 October 1951 we mailed another letter proposing a meeting in Frankfurt am/Main. No answer has been received.

6. Meanwhile, on 24 September 1951 Subject had reported all that had happened up to that time to the Straubing City Police, who in turn notified "Agent A" of CIC, Region V, and whose report is included as Attachment I. CIC then notified us on 19 October by forwarding their reports of 5 and 15 October. On 20 October we cabled COS (BRLNF 4830) asking that Subject be notified that an American Agency was responsible for the entire affair and that she could cooperate with us in all security.

7. On 28 October, CIC Berlin gave us a copy of a letter from Subject to her cousin in Berlin in which she expressed her fears that the Russians were responsible for the letters we had sent to her. She asked him for advice as to what she should do next. CIC indicated that one Rudolf PORR, Berlin-Steglitz, Gritznerstrasse 27, was in a position to help us, having turned in the letter to them. We approached him as though he were the cousin, but he refused to aid us in any way.

8. In order to finally straighten this matter out, we request that a staff member from West Germany be assigned the task of contacting Subject, preferably now through CIC and their "Agent A" so as either to have Subject cooperate in actively recruiting the leads she has already provided us (see Att. II) ^{or} at the very least, have her write letters of introduction. In this manner, we can get our recruitment program for these w/t operators under way. If she continues to prove intractable, we shall of course approach the leads, here and in the DDR, without introduction.

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